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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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ENCOURAGEMENT OF COTTON GROWERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been supplying cotton seeds at subsidized rates to the cotton growers in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken steps to encourage the growth of only one variety of cotton instead of different variety of cotton in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the variety of cotton being encouraged in Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs.1000/- per quintal of varieties (both hybrids / non-hybrids) notified during the last 15 years is provided for the distribution of certified seed of cotton to the cotton growers in cotton growing States including Karnataka.

(c) & (d) Government of India has notencouraged the growth of only one variety of cotton in Karnataka. However, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), in addition to its primary responsibility of purchase under support price operations / commercial operations, has taken steps to improve production, productivity and quality of cotton. The developmental activities of CCI, inter alia, includes supply of certified seeds to the cotton growers at subsidized rates (50% discount for non-hybrids and 25% discount for hybrids) and Village Adoption Programme on the principle of `one village one variety concept` to avoid admixture of different varieties of cotton. The assistance is not limited to any particular variety or hybrid.